

A Celebration of Art & History: the Ximenez-Fatio Nights of Lights Exhibition

Prospectus

Who: The Ximenez-Fatio House Museum is one of the best-preserved and most authentic Second Spanish Period residential buildings in St. Augustine, Florida. As a Historic House Museum, it's period-appropriate collections and programs are presented within a building that is historically significant; exploring how the specific location and people were affected by larger historical events.

The St. Augustine Art Association emerged in local history in 1924 by a group of artists, writers, and photographers who saw the need for promotion of the arts in St. Augustine. The meeting that marked the founding of the Association was held at the Ximenez-Fatio House on January 18, 1924, and the House would serve not only as a meeting place, but also as artist studios for a number of years.

What: A creative display on the fireplace mantels in Ximenez-Fatio House located at 20 Aviles Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084. *Artists will work to design one (1) mantle display that can be used universally across other mantel spaces in the theme of "100 Years of Music." Artists may choose to focus on a style of music, an instrument, musical artist or album from 1924-2024. Each design is allowed to be tailored to their specific mantle once artists are selected. Designs can be as creative as the artists wish, but should include the artist's own artwork, meet the exhibit theme, and follow the guidelines listed in this prospectus. ALL submissions will be juried and 14 artists will be selected to install their designs.*

Timeframe: Artists will begin creating their designs during the spring of 2024 and submit by September 27th, 2024. Votes by a jury panel will be cast in October 2024 after they have seen all of the proposals, and the 14 highest voted designs will be installed during the week of November 18th, 2024 and open on November 23rd. The exhibit will close January 4, 2025. Artists will be notified of acceptance via email in October 2024.

Exhibit Details:

- **Mantel Details** -- Use the dimensions provided for each design. Feel free to print out the mantel photos for a more accurate design. Please utilize as much of the wide space as possible in your designs. *While mantles and fireplaces vary a little in size, the dimensions are close enough that submitted designs should be usable for each space.*
- **Theme** – *100 Years of Music* Mantle Display
 - Artists may focus on a style of music, an instrument, musical artist or album from 1924-2024.

- **Artwork** – Consider using a variety of mediums in your designs. Any elements used in the installation may not cause damage to the space in any way. This is a public space, and installations are seasonal, so they need to hold up. Here are some ideas to include:
 - Gallery Wall elements – framed photographs, drawings, collages, paintings, prints, fake foliage, LED candles, etc.
 - 2D & 3D elements. (instruments, records, CDs, sheet music, etc)
 - Feel free to include abstract and realistic styles of artwork.
 - Table easels may be used.

Exhibit Guidelines:

- Individual and collaborations of 2-3 artists are permitted for this exhibition.
- All museum artifacts will be removed from the chimney wall, mantel, and fireplace in each room by XF Museum Staff.
- Only the existing nails, which are in every chimney wall, may be used for artwork or decorations. No additional nails, etc. may be added.
- No nails, tape, adhesives of any kind, tacks, etc., can be used or put on any surface of the museum.
- No paint, color pencils, crayons or any other marks can be made on any museum surface.
- No live candles or fire sources of any kind can be used (Fire Marshall rules).
- Batter-operated LED candles and lights are permissible. (There is no electricity in the Museum House).
- No materials should extend beyond the fireplace entrance (This could be a tripping hazard for guests.) Some fireguards are available if needed.
- Fresh flowers and greens are allowable but artist is responsible for refreshing exhibit and replacing all dead materials.
- Artificial materials are encouraged.
- Mantels may be used to display artwork, pottery, sculpture, objects, etc. Floor space within fireplaces may also be used for display. Table easels are permissible to use on the mantels.

How to Enter:

- Complete the online form at www.staaa.org.
- Upload high-quality images of your design proposal (jpg, png, jpeg, pdf; max file size is 5MB). If you do not have photos of the finished design, images of renderings or drawings may be submitted.
- Include an Artist Statement. What was your vision, inspiration, reasoning for material selection, etc.?
- Final submissions will be due on September 27, 2024. Submissions will be juried and 14 artists will be selected to install their designs.



ROOM #1, Ximenez General Store

Mantle:

- Depth: 9 in
- Width: 68 $\frac{3}{8}$ in

Chimney Surface:

- Height: 64 in
- Width: 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ in

Fireplace:

- Height: 33 in
- Depth: 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ in Bottom -> 12 in Top
- Width: 32 in Outside -> 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ in Inside

Total Surface:

- Height: 9 ft 10 in
- Width: 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ in



ROOM #2, Entrance Hall

Mantle:

- Depth: 9 ½ in
- Width: 70 in

Chimney Surface:

- Height: 56 in
- Width: 69 in

Fireplace:

- Height: 36 in
- Depth: 13 in Bottom -> 12 ½ in Top
- Width: 37 ½ in Outside -> 26 in Inside

Total Surface:

- Height: 9 ft 5 in
- Width: 69 in



ROOM #3, Dining Hall

Mantle:

- Depth: 9 in
- Width: 70 1/2 in

Chimney Surface:

- Height: 57 in
- Width: 70 3/8 in

Fireplace:

- Height: 35 in
- Depth: 16 in Bottom -> 14 1/2 Top
- Width: 38 in Outside -> 29 1/2 in Inside

Total Surface:

- Height: 9 ft 6 in
- Width: 70 3/8 in



ROOM #4, Guest Parlor

Mantle:

- Depth: 8 in
- Width: 64 in

Chimney Surface:

- Height: 61 1/2 in
- Width: 59 1/2 in

Fireplace:

- Height: 30 1/2 in
- Depth: 14 1/2 in
- Width: 35 1/2 in Outside -> 22 1/2 in Inside

Total Surface:

- Height: 9 ft 5 in
- Width: 59 1/2 in



ROOM #5, Soldier's Room

Mantle:

- Depth: 8 ¼ in
- Width: 64 ¾ in

Chimney Surface:

- Height: 58 ½ in
- Width: 60 in

Fireplace:

- Height: 28 ½ in
- Depth: 15 ½ in
- Width: 32 in Outside -> 17 ½ in Inside

Total Surface:

- Height: 9 ft 6 in
- Width: 60 in



ROOM #6, Sea Captain's Room

Mantle:

- Depth: 7 in
- Width: 65 ¼ in

Chimney Surface:

- Height: 60 in
- Width: 61 in

Fireplace:

- Height: 28 in
- Depth: 14½ in
- Width: 37 in Outside -> 20.5 in Inside

Total Surface:

- Height: 9 ft 5 in
- Width: 61 in



ROOM #7, Owner's Office (NSCDA-FL History Exhibit)

Mantle:

- Depth: 9 ¼ in
- Width: 56 in

Chimney Surface:

- Height: 67 in
- Width: 60 in

Fireplace:

- Height: 29 ½ in
- Depth: 10 in Top -> 14 in Bottom
- Width: 33 in Outside -> 26 in Inside

Total Surface:

- Height: 9 ft 11 in
- Width: 60 in



ROOM #8, Owner's Parlor

Mantle:

- Depth: 7 in
- Width: 57 in

Chimney Surface:

- Height: 60 in
- Width: 72 in

Fireplace:

- Height: 36 in
- Depth: 12 in
- Width: 32 in Outside -> 18 in Inside

Total Surface:

- Height: 9 ft 9½ in
- Width: 72 in



ROOM #9, Owner's Bedroom

Mantle:

- Depth: 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ in
- Width: 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ in

Chimney Surface:

- Height: 60 in
- Width: 69 $\frac{1}{2}$ in

Fireplace:

- Height: 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
- Depth: 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ Top -> 15 in Bottom
- Width: 37 in Outside -> 31 in Inside

Total Surface:

- Height: 9 ft 10 in
- Width: 69 $\frac{1}{2}$ in



ROOM #10, Family Room

Mantle:

- Depth: 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ in
- Width: 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ in

Chimney Surface:

- Height: 62 in
- Width: 60 in

Fireplace:

- Height: 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
- Depth: 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
- Width: 33 in Outside -> 20in Inside

Total Surface:

- Height: 9 ft 8 in
- Width: 60 in



ROOM #11, Frail Lady's Room

Mantle:

- Depth: 9 in
- Width: 61 $\frac{3}{4}$ in

Chimney Surface:

- Height: 64 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
- Width: 61 in

Fireplace:

- Height: 28 in
- Depth: 15 in
- Width: 35 in Outside -> 21 in Inside

Total Surface:

- Height: 9 ft 9 in
- Width: 61 in



ROOM #12, Tourist's Room

Mantle:

- Depth: 9 in
- Width: 64 $\frac{1}{4}$ in

Chimney Surface:

- Height: 65 in
- Width: 62 in

Fireplace:

- Height: 25 in
- Depth: 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
- Width: 32 in Outside -> 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ in Inside

Total Surface:

- Height: 9 ft 9 in
- Width: 62 in



ROOM #13, Naturalist's Room

Mantle:

- Depth: 8 ½ in
- Width: 61 ¼ in

Chimney Surface:

- Height: 65 ½ in
- Width: 61 in

Fireplace:

- Height: 32 in
- Depth: 13 ½ in
- Width: 32 in Outside -> 18 ½ in Inside

Total Surface:

- Height: 9 ft 9 in
- Width: 61 in



ROOM #14, Detached Kitchen

Mantle:

- NO MANTLE SURFACE. Flush mount board above fireplace has 6 nails across its width, which is 82 in.

Chimney Surface:

- See total surface measurements.

Fireplace:

- Height: 45 1/2 in
- Depth: 22 in Bottom -> 19 1/2 in Top
- Width: 67 in Outside -> 57 in Inside

Total Surface:

- Height: 93 in of coquina wall + 5 in of wooden beam
- Width: 79 in